

September 17, 1963

Mr. Detlev J. Raymond  
Editor-in-Chief  
Pergamon Press, Inc.  
122 East 55th Street  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Other publishers have been willing to entertain similar proposals. However, I believe the establishment of a journal expressly devoted to exobiology would be harmful to the development of the field, which requires the full weight of criticism from and the advantages of communication with a community of scientists whose special interests are not exobiology. Quite apart from this: The establishment of a new journal is a form of exploitation of authors and readers that should be carefully pondered. I would ask my colleagues to give careful weight to the merits of sponsorship by a society or a publisher whose price schedules give evidence that the proliferation of journals is scientifically as well as commercially justified.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

cc: Your correspondents of 6/13/63.

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